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In re application of: Pineo, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 4743

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC § 121

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002. Applicants hereby elect the species of Figures 1 to 4. Claims 1, 2, 7 and 14-18 read on the species. In addition, applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 14 are generic to all of the species identified by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

(ne) On page 1, on the first line after the title, please insert:

--This application claims priority to Canadian Application No. 2,354,217 filed on July 26, 2001. --

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully amend the above-identified application to claim priority to a prior filed Canadian patent application. Submitted herewith are a Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney, identifying the details of the corresponding Canadian patent application, and a certified copy of Canadian Patent Application Serial No. 2,354,217, filed on July 26, 2002.

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